

U.S. Botanic Gardens (www.usbg.gov)

Located at the base of Capitol Hill, the conservatory features more than 8,000 varieties of exotic flowers, fruits and plants.

- Located at 1st Street and Maryland Avenue, SW
- 202-225-8333 or 202-226-4082 (group tours)
- Open: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, daily
- Public Tour: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm, daily for walk-in visitors on a first-come basis. Group tour for ten or more: 10:30 am and 1:00 pm, Monday - Friday. Reservations must be made at least three weeks in advance for group tours.
- Admission is free



U.S. Capitol (www.aoc.gov)

The United States Capitol is among the most architecturally impressive and symbolically important buildings in the world. It has housed the meeting chambers of the Senate and the House of Representatives for almost two centuries. Begun in 1793, the Capitol has been built, burnt, rebuilt, extended, and restored. Today, it stands as a monument not only to its builders but also to the American people and their government.

- Located at 1st and East Capitol Streets, NE
- 202-225-6827
- Public Tours: The Capitol is open to the public for guided tours only from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Saturday. Tickets are required and may be obtained at the Capitol Guide Service kiosk on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol beginning at 8:15 am, Monday through Saturday. Be sure to arrive early as tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Capitol Guide Service kiosk is located at First Street and Independence Avenue, SW. For a map of the Capitol grounds visit www.aoc.gov/visit/visit_overview.htm.
- Admission is free



U.S. National Arboretum (www.usna.usda.gov)

Four hundred fifteen acres of beautiful flowers and trees have blossomed from this 1927 experimental plant life center. The Arboretum can be toured free of charge by car, bus, bicycle, or by foot.

- Located at 24th and R Streets, NE (Visitor entrances: New York Avenue & R Street)
- 202-245-4544
- Open daily, except Christmas
- Arboretum Grounds Open: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm; Museum: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm
- Tram tours are available on the weekends beginning mid-April and ending mid-October. Tram tickets on sale at the ticket kiosk, day of tour only. Tram Hours: 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm. Tram Prices: Adults, \$3.00; Seniors, \$2.00; Children (4-16 years old), \$1.00; Children (under 4 years old), Free
- Admission is free



Vietnam Veterans Memorial (www.nps.gov/vive)

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial honors the men and women of the armed forces who served in the Vietnam War. The V-shaped memorial is made of black granite and is inscribed with the names of the 58,209 Americans missing or killed in the Vietnam War.

- Located at Constitution Avenue and Henry Bacon Drive, NW
- 202-634-1568
- Open 24 hours a day
- Admission is free



Washington Monument (www.nps.gov/wamo)

The Washington Monument is one of the tallest masonry structures in the world standing 555 feet tall. The monument is dedicated to the memory of our nation's first president, George Washington.

- Located at 15th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW
- 202-426-6841 or 1-800-967-2283
- Open daily 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, except Christmas and 4th of July
- Admission is free, although tickets are required. Same-day timed tickets may be obtained at the ticket kiosk on 15th Street at the base of the monument, or advanced tickets may be obtained for a small fee from Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

